

**Conversion of Port Trusts Into Companies**

3651. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:  
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to convert port trusts into companies under the Companies Act, 1956; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the main objective of the proposal; and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). There is a proposal to convert major port trusts into companies or corporations under the overall control and supervision of the Central Government. It is envisaged that 'Corporate form of management such as company or corporation would be a suitable form of organisation for administering the ports.

(d) It is difficult to say by what time the proposal is likely to be implemented.

**All India Judicial Service**

3652. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:  
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the Union Government to constitute and All India Judicial Service;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). Through a judgement delivered on 13.11.91 in response to Writ Petition No. 1022 of 1989 filed by All India Judges' Association, the Supreme Court has desired that the Government of India should examine the feasibility of implementing the recommendations of the Law Commission for the setting up of an All India Judicial Service. In the portion relating to the summing up of this judgement, the Supreme Court has given a direction that an All India Judicial Service should be set up and the Union of India should take appropriate steps in this regard. The matter is being examined.

**Alleged Unauthorised Transfer of Funds**

3653. SHRI CHHITUBHAIGAMIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enforcement Directorate had during 1985 recommended detention of 11 persons for alleged unauthorised transfer of huge funds;

(b) whether the proposal was duly approved by high level screening committee;

(c) whether these persons were actually detained;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government propose

to conduct an enquiry in this regard and, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, sir;

(c) No, Sir;

(d) *As the detention orders could not be executed in time, it was decided not to serve the detention orders and instead the Enforcement Directorate was advised to launch prosecution proceedings;*

(e) The question of conducting an enquiry in this regard does not arise as prosecution proceedings against the concerned persons had already been launched in 1986.

#### **Accidents of Fishing Vessels**

3654. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred on the high seas involving Indian fishing vessels, passenger ships and cargo vessels during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of vessels which were covered by various insurance companies;

(c) whether any official assistance was provided to help the owners to settle their claims; and

(d) the number of cases still pending alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) The number of accidents involving loss of Indian Vessels on High Seas during the last three years is as under:-

		1988	1989	1990
Fishing Vessels	:	34	68	62
Passenger Ships	:	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cargo Vessels	:	1	-	-

(b) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### **Grants-in-Aid to States**

3655. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:\*

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any new principles and basis for giving grants-in-aid to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the amount of grants-in-aid given to each State by the Government during 1991-92;

(c) the accumulated balance, if any, of grants-in-aid to the Government of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the reasons for not giving full grants-in-aid to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) At present